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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MILI, CG  
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK-DEBRIEFING OF MRS. LONNIE GLENN,  
EVACUEE FROM KOLWEZI

1. MRS. HARRIET GLENN, A GERMAN NATIONAL, (DEPENDENT OF CIS  
EMPLOYEE, LONNIE GLEN (WHO WAS KILLED DURING FIGHTING)  
WAS LIVING IN THE DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA OF KOLWEZI IN AN  
APARTMENT BUILDING. SHE WAS IN THE APARTMENT WITH HER 7 YEAR  
OLD DAUGHTER AT THE TIME THE ATTACK STARTED. SHE WAS  
SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED BY THE INVADERS TO THE MOLICA RECREATION/  
SPORTS COMPLEX WHICH WAS NEAR-BY, WHERE SHE REMAINED UNTIL  
RESCUED BY FRENCH PARATROOPERS ON 19 MAY. MRS. GLENN HAD  
LIVED IN KOLWEZI FOR 2 1/2 YEARS. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MORE  
SIGNIFICANT POINTS OF THE DEBRIEFING.

2. ON SATURDAY MAY 13 AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 L (6 HOURS AFTER  
ATTACK STARTED) SHE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE IN THE BACK OF A  
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PICKUP TRUCK DIRECTING KATANGAN SOLDIERS. THIS MAN WAS ARMED  
WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND APPEARED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THIS  
SMALL (5 OR 6) GROUP OF KATANGANS. THE MAN WAS DRESSED  
IN BEIGE SHIRT, BEIGE SHORTS AND WORE BOOTS (MRS. GLENN  
WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BOOTS WERE MILITARY  
OR CIVILIAN). THE MAN WAS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY  
40 YEARS OLD, LONG BLOND HAIR AND LIGHT COMPLETED. MRS.

GLEN STATED THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN A LOCAL BELGIAN SINCE THEY ARE OFTEN SEEN IN BEIGE OUTFITS SIMILAR TO WHAT THE MAN DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS WEARING. THE BOOTS COULD HAVE BEEN WORKING (I.E. CONSTRUCTION, MINING) BOOTS. SHE DID NOT HEAR THE MAN SPEAK.

3. ON THURSDAY MAY 18 AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 L SHE MET WHAT SHE ASSUMED TO BE A REBEL OFFICER. SHE DESCRIBED THE MAN'S COLORING AS DARK BROWN AND HE WAS DEFINITELY NOT "AFRICAN". THE MAN WORE A REBEL UNIFORM, HAD A LONG BEARD, SPOKE ONLY FRENCH, WAS APPROXIMATELY 35-40 YEARS OLD AND "SOUNDED LIKE HE WAS EDUCATED." MRS. GLENN SAID HE WAS PROBABLY OF "MIXED BLOOD" (I.E. MULATTO).

4. SHE HAD THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT, AT LEAST SOME ZAIRIANS WERE AWARE THAT THE ATTACK WAS COMING AND THAT SOME FAZ SOLDIERS JOINED THE REBELS SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK ON 13 MAY. SHE BASED THIS ON THE FACT THAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SHOTS WERE FIRED AT 0600 ON 13 MAY, ZAIRIAN FAMILIES OF FAZ SOLDIERS LIVING IN HER APARTMENT BUILDING EXITED THE BUILDING WITH BAG AND BAGGAGE. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, REBEL FORCES CAME TO HER APARTMENT ASKING THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER HUSBAND. ONE OF THE FAZ SOLDIERS LIVING IN HER APARTMENT BUILDING WAS ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS DRESSED IN A REBEL UNIFORM.

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5. IT WAS HER IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS THE YOUNG ZAIRIAN CITIZENS OF KOLWEZI AND NOT THE REBELS, WHO WERE LOOTING THE STORES.  
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